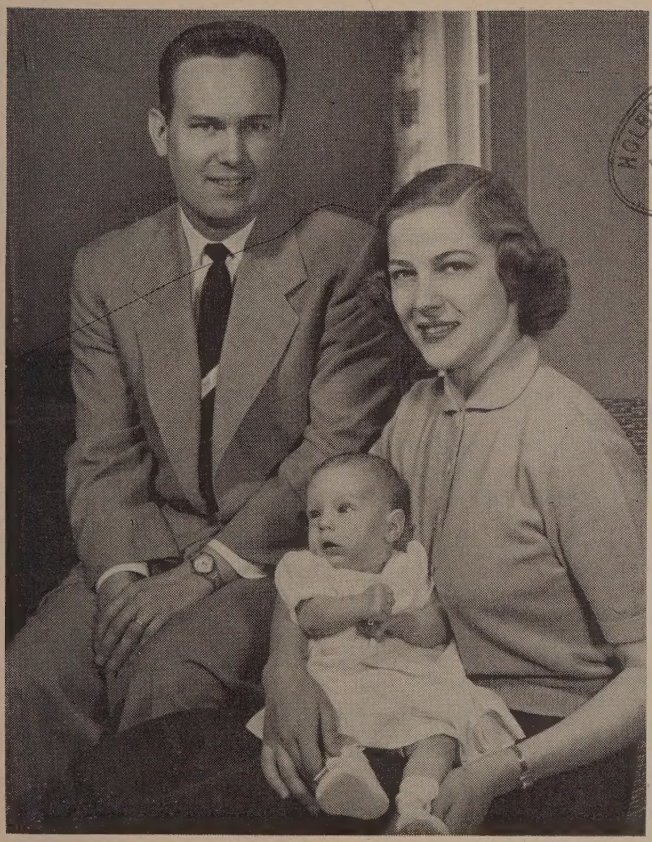

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MOTHER'S DAY - May 8

"To My Mother"

In thoughtful moments childish reverie,
When once again, as when a boy, I place
My hand in thine and, rapt, behold thy face,
Thou art to me sufficient company.
We sit beneath the spreading trees or find
In rambling walks our natural joys,
Untouched by the vain world's ugly noise
Which doth distract and spoil the peaceful mind
But when to fitful fancy thou art lost,
And I return alone the world to meet,
Then bitter sadness grips my lonely heart,
And I, constrained with fear to count the cost,
Implore thy love to guide my faltering feet
Upon the path that leads to where thou art.

- By Vernon Benson

Note: After a very happy childhood with his mother, the late Rev. Vernon Benson lost her when he was only 14 years of age. Ten years later he wrote the lovely tribute which was sent us by Mrs. Benson who now lives and works in McPherson.

Wehrli At Great Bend

A Christian Seminar with Dr. Allen Wehrli was conducted in our church at Great Bend March 8-13. Dr. Wehrli lectured at one or two daytime sessions, and every evening. On Sunday he brought the morning message to a joint service for our Congregational people and the Grace Evangelical and Reformed Congregation.

Milford

The Rev. James McKeeman was speaker recently for a Men's Brotherhood meeting at Zion E and R Church in Junction City. Men from Milford Congregational Church and Alma E and R Church were guests. Each Wednesday night during Lent the E and R ministers from Abilene and Junction City and Mr. McKeeman of our Milford Church have found an exchange of pulpits helpful.

In Memoriam

The Rev C. A. Eshelman, retired Minister of Red Cloud, Nebraska, passed away on February 9 at the home of his adopted daughter. Mr. Eshelman had pastorates at Anthony and Partridge during the 1920's. His son the Rev. Byron E. Eshelman is Chaplain of the San Quentin Prison in California.

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Miss Elie Farris
Conference Guest

State Conference Meets

Highlighting the Conference Sessions to be held at Garden City Community (Congregational) Church on May 3, 4 and 5, will be Miss Elsie Farris, LLB., attorney-at-law of Long Beach, California. Miss Farris, outstanding Congregational lay leader, talks on Our Christian World Mission with conviction based on actual observations. She has flown around the world, visited most of Central and South America, been ten times to Mexico and in 1952 flew to Africa for an intensive month's vistation in Angola and South Africa.

The Missionary Enterprise

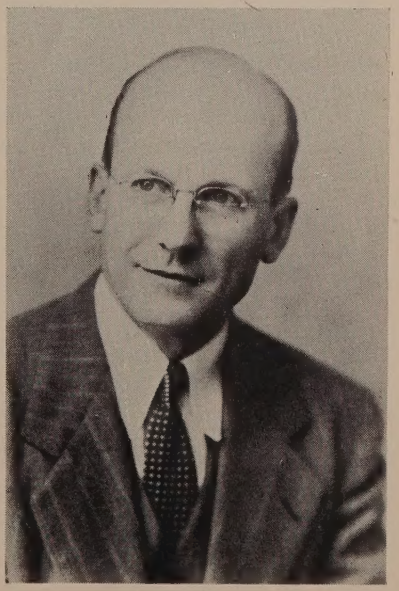
Miss Farris says: "A force which would destroy every freedom and value we stand for is moving across the world at an unbelievable pace. Against it is opposed the Christian Missionary Enterprise, the greatest peace organization the world has ever known, organized and at work. It offers education for ignorance; healing for disease; security and peace for instability and fear; love for hate."

Three Presentations

On Wednesday afternoon, May 4, Miss Farris will speak to the women at their sectional meeting. She will bring the address that evening when the Woman's Gift is dedicated, and speak at the closing session on Thursday morning.

Forward With C.S.A.

As Director of the Council for Social Action, the Rev. Ray Gibbons will bring word of the new program emphasis in this field.

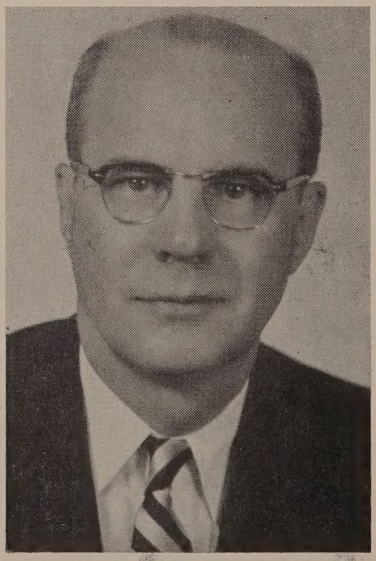


Dr. Ray Gibbons
Conference Guest

Through a program of research, education and action, the program preposes to make the Christian Gospel more effective. In the summers of 1951 and 1953, Dr. and Mrs. Gibbons have conducted study tours in Western Europe, where they conferred with civic and religious leaders in England, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. Mr. Gibbons will bring the address Tuesday evening on "The Springtime of the Church."

The Doane Hour

On Wednesday morning, Dr. Donald M. Typer, President of Doane College will present students from Doane who will bring a message and present music. Dr. Typer will talk on "Doane's Contribution to Congregationalism."



Dr. Donald M. Typer
Conference Guest

In State Leaders

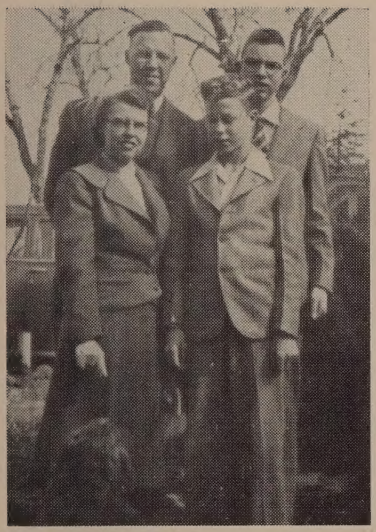
The sessions will be presided over by the Rev. S. J. Williams, Conference Moderator. The Rev. Ned Burr McKenney the new minister at Central Church in Topeka, will bring the opening address using as his subject, "The Story that Ends With a Comma." The Communion Meditation on Thursday morning will be given by the Rev. George Ogden Kirk of Wichita Plymouth.

Special Features

The local committee, under the leadership of Dr. John Austin is making elaborate arrangements for the entertainment of Conference Delegates and visitors. A Fellowship Tea will be served by the local women the first afternoon; courtesy breakfasts will be served at the church each morning. Other meals will be served at the church of the Brethren. A courtesy film, "The Mighty Fortress" will be shown at the State Theatre on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Following the sessions at 1:30 Thursday, a guided tour will take visitors by courtesy bus to places of interest in the Garden City area including sugar factories, irrigation projects and the large cattle ranches.

Pre-Sessions

On Monday afternoon the board of the Women's Fellowship will meet at Garden City with Mrs. E. C. Garrison, retiring president and Mrs. E. G. Lancaster, incoming president. Tuesday morning at 8:30, the Conference Stewardship Committee will meet with their chairman, Daniel R. Hopkins. This will be followed by a meeting of the Conferenc Board of Trustees at 10:00 A.M. On Wednesday morning the Camp leaders will meet together for a breakfast.



The O. L. Nichols Family

Nichols To Downs

Oscar Lee Nichols, minister at the Congregational Church at Ault, Colorado, has accepted the call, to serve the Congregational Church at Downs beginning May 1st. Mr. Nichols is no stranger to Kansas as he was born in this state. His father, George T. Nichols served Congregational Churches in Kansas before going to Colorado. Mr. Nichols is a graduate of Colorado State Teacher's College and Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. Before returning to Colorado to serve the church in Ault, he was minister of Congregational churches in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio. Achievements of his pastorate at Ault include organization of a Junior High Fellowship, a Young Adult Group, remodeling of the church building, and growth in church membership. He has also been active in many civic enterprises and served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Conference. Mrs. Nichols has been active in womens groups, church school leadership, and choir. The Nichols' have two sons, Barry, 15, and Paul, 14. We congratulate the Downs Church and welcome the Nichols family to Kansas. We shall look forward to meeting them at the conference in Garden City.

Kirk Installation

Churches of Southern Association will meet as an ecclesiastical council at Wichita Plymouth Church on May 15 for the purpose of installing the Rev. George Ogden Kirk as minister.

Taking part in the service will be the Rev. John Rossel, Associate Minister, the Rev. Douglass McColl of Hillside Christiain, the Rev. Ronald Meredith of First Methodist and Superintendent L. M. Rymph. The sermon will be brought by the Rev. Paul Johnston of the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita. The Rev. Robert B. Blyth of Cleveland, Ohio will bring the charge to the congregation.

A high point at the close of the service will be the rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" by a Men's Chorus.

Dr. Hornung Honored

In recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Dr. J. Henry Hornung, a reception was held by our Hutchinson Church, Sunday afternoon, April 3 and at Wichita Plymouth, Monday evening, April 4.

Newton Guest

Dr. Albert Penner of Broadway Tabernacle in New York City was guest at a Church Night Supper in our Newton Church on March 21st. His appearance was arranged by the Rev. David Railsback, Minister.

World's Fair at Wichita Plymoth

Yes, Wichita Plymouth is really having a World's Fair in the church, Wednesday, April 27 at 6 p.m., and

it will be a World's Fair, really and truly. There will be hot dogs, soda pop, red lemonade, popcorn, and all the things kids like, as well as grown-ups and they'll be sold cheap, so everyone can come.

But this is a World's Fair in the church and the exhibits will be different from most World's Fair's, for they'll tell us about our church and what it is doing around the world.

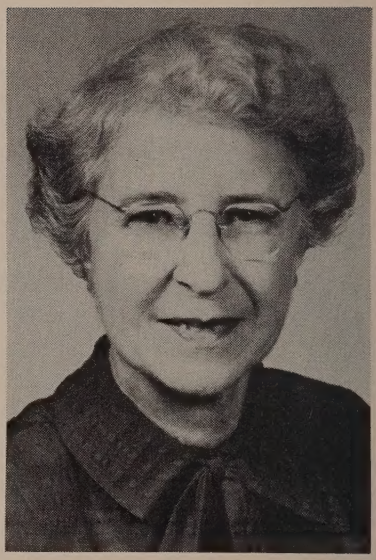
We'll learn about children growing up in Indian cities with no home except the city streets, of our school in Tarsus, Turkey where only one boy out of twenty applying may enter because there's no room, of the joy that comes of our own countrymen when they take their children to a new church in a new community, where there was none, before it was made possible by our Church Building Loan Fund.

And in the evening, there's to be a pageant, written by Mrs. R. H. Garvey, and directed by Mrs. Kenneth P. Stewart, with rhythmic dancing supervised by Mrs. Willard Garvey.

Everyone in Kansas is invited to share with us this great occasion for which we have been preparing with our six Wednesday evening Lenten services; at each one we had supper, a meditation, and a movie, all telling us about our church.

Special guests will be Mrs. Edward Nolting, Nurse-secretary of the Bird's Nest, a home for orphaned Indians in our Madura Mission, and Lizzie Dawson, a high school girl now attending North High, Wichita, having come all the way from India by herself.

Reports from Manhassatt, Long Island, are that their World's Fair was so popular it had to be held over the second day.



Mrs. Edward L. Nolting

We hope ours will be as good and that you'll be there to make it so.

- Mrs. John Gibson reporting

Mrs. Nolting Visits Churches

Mrs. Edward Nolting, a missionary in India for almost forty years, will visit several churches in late April. On April 24 she will bring the morning message at Manhattan. She will speak at an afternoon and evening service at Wakefield. For years the Wakefield Madura Church has had special interest in the "Bird's Nest" - a home for orphan Indian children where Mrs. Nolting has been Secretary.

Memorial Organ

A portable electric organ for use in Church School class rooms was recently presented to Fairmount Church, Wichita, in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs. Nellie Baker, Mrs. Josephine Bosworth and Mrs. Lydia Wright.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Carl Althaus
President

Bill Cribbs
Vice President

Ralph Ewing
Secretary-Treasurer

Reading left to right — Bottom Row: Leonard Cutting, Lenora; E. C. Wedell and John Mull, Great Bend; Carl Althaus, Lawrence; Ralph Ewing, Russell; Bob Rymph, Wichita Pilgrim and Carl Georgeson, Lenora.

Middle Row: Chester Milne, Seneca; Vilas and Don Jones, Sabetha; Orville Reeves, K.C. Welborn; Chester Bidleman, Kinsley; Lee Schmeil, Osborne and Rex Robertson, Wichita Plymouth.

Top Row: Everett Good, Vernon Hall and Pere Rayl, K.C. Welborn; Bob Calderwood, Seneca; Charles Colby, Wichita Pilgrim; Levi Zimmerman. Whitewater and Don Maxwell, Topeka Central.

Attending, but not in the picture: S. M. Garrigues of Great Bend, George Smith of Seneca and George Lehmberg of McPherson.

KANSAS MEN AT CHICAGO

The first nationwide convention of Congregational - Christian Churchmen was held at Palmer House, Chicago, on February 25, 26 and 27, 1955. The meeting was well attended by representatives from nearly every state in the union and the total number registered approached 800.

The principal speakers were Dr. Elton Trueblood; Mr. Al Whitehouse, President of the CIO Council and a district director of the United Steel Workers of America; Dr. Alford Carleton; Dr. Henry Smith Leiper; Dr. Walter Judd, Representative from Minnesota; Dr. Truman B. Douglass; and Dr. Ronald Bridges, one of the best known laymen in our church.

The morning and evening devotions and the community services were conducted by Dr. Douglas Horton. All of these services were very impressive and inspirational.

The churchmen who attended this convention had the opportunity of hearing some of the outstanding speakers in America today. But it is the considered judgment of some of the men that the vocational seminars were the real "high lights" of the convention. The members of the convention divided into some twenty groups according to their vocational interests. In these groups there was much discussion and a free exchange of ideas about what a Christian should do when various circumstances arise in his business or vocation. These groups gave those in attendance an opportunity to ask questions, express their ideas and receive the advice and counsel of those in attendance.

Father and Son Banquet

On March 25, eighty-two Dads and Lads of the rural Olive Hill church turned out for a supper served in a western setting of saddles, bridles and covered wagons. Miniature cowboy hats served as nut cups and programs and menus took the shape of saddles. Lauren Roe acted as toastmaster. Denny Semke toasted the fathers with Clyde Headrick responding.

Outstanding Layman Honored

Late in March Dr. Clemens Rucker of Sabetha was honored by the Nemaha County Medical Society for completion of 50 years medical practice. Leaving his native Austria at the age of 14, he came to America where he completed medical training. He has practiced at Sabetha since 1908.

Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

Many of us are wondering "what to do" in Christian Social Action. Dr. Ray Gibbons, Director, and Dr. Herman Reissig, International Relations Secretary in our national office, have sent along a grand idea. They have selected ten points bearing on our government's foreign policy which should be studied by all thoughtful people. For each of these ten points there is available a study and action sheet. Most of us are radio and TV listeners. Wouldn't it be interesting to better understand news casts if we possessed good background material? This we have in these study sheets. For a mere twenty-five cents a set of the ten sheets is available. Order a set from Dr. Ray Gibbons, Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Ave., New York (10), N.Y. Read it and then invite several of your church-member friends to study it together.

In brief the ten points cover:

1. The proper relation of the U.S. to other nations.
2. The U.S. rejection of a "preventative war."
3. Why no China coast blockade.
4. The U.S. stand in regard to the Peiping government.
5. World Trade, U. S. Reciprocal Trade agreements and private capital in foreign countries.
6. The importance of Technical Aid.
7. The sharing of atomic materials and skills.
8. What's wrong with the Walter-McCarren Immigration Act.
9. The Bricker Amendment.
10. Our committment to the U.N.

Due to space allocation these are, of necessity quite brief. Your state

committee urges all Social Action Chairmen to order this informative series. The greatest need today is for all of us to be well-informed.

To quote from a Biggons-Reissig letter: "Because the international situation is so critical, we hope you will join your fellow members in an earnest study of the policies listed in the ten statements, but that you will also not fail to make your views known to leaders in government and to all others who have special influences on public opinion.

Has any church member or group or congregation made plans to bring a Refugee family to the U.S.? Will Kansas assume its responsibility for the ten they were asked to take?

Mrs. Leidig Travels Abroad C.S.A. Study Seminar

Kansas is very proud to have Mrs. Karl Leidig of Lenora represent us on the 1955 Study and Travel Seminar to Europe and the Holy Land, to Greece and Egypt. The tour from June 20 to July 28 will be led by Dr. and Mrs. Ray Gibbons. The Seminar is limited to twenty persons with preference given to Congregational church members who are deeply interested in social issues, religious, economical and political.

On June 20 the party will fly from New York to Paris where they will spend four days. During the six weeks following, they will visit Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Switzerland and London. Entering deeply into the needs and hopes of people in these countries in the company of congenial travel companions will indeed be an enriching experience.

Mrs. Leidig is teacher of the high school class and Social Action Chairman of our Lenora Church. She is president of the Council of Church

Mrs. Karl Leidig

Women, for a number of years she has been a volunteer worker in the American Cancer Society and was elected State Secretary in October. Her husband, Karl Leidig is Treasurer of the Lenora Church, Mayor of Lenora and Vice President of the Exchange Bank of Lenora. Their only daughter, Marilyn, is a sophomore at Oberlin College.

Mrs. Leidig is taking a 35-mm Movie camera with her to help her interpret her trip when she returns. Bon voyage, Mrs. Leidig.

Mound City

A very elaborate Year Book and Directory has been prepared by the Rev. Charles Barr, Minister and Mrs. Doris Henesey, Clerk of the Mound City Federated Church. It was a pleasure to get to know Mr. Barr when he attended sessions of Minister's Convocation and we look forward to closer fellowship with the Mound City church.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Clara Wykoff
Mrs. Charles Richard
by Seneca Women

Mrs. Sadia Campbell
Mrs. Nellie Barber
by Kirwin Women

Mrs. A. G. Hardman
Mrs. Mary B. Reed
Mrs. F. M. Kohlhas
by Osborne Women

Mrs. Blanche Gleason
by Mound City Women

Mrs. Erma Roeder
Mrs. Florence Hunsberger
Mrs. Emma Howe
Mrs. Ruth Merryfield
Mrs. Belle Berry
by Mount Hope Women

Mrs. Mary Dotson
by Newton Women

Miss Winona Griffin
by Topeka Seabrook

Mrs. Eugene Bennett
by Olive Hill Women

Mrs. M. W. Baker
Mrs. Ben H. Kerns
Mrs. John A. Kleinhans
by Topeka First Women

Mrs. Stella V. Burke
by Wichita Plymouth Women

Christian Education

What can Women's groups do to promote Christian Education in the local church? That question is often asked and the opportunities are almost unlimited. Time and space permit only a few to be mentioned. National Family Week is May 1-8 this year, and the theme, "Open Your Home to God" is certainly one in which we can all cooperate whole-heartedly. Very good suggestions for planning may be secured from the Family Life Department of the National Council, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill. A pamphlet "Your Key to Church Planning" gives suggestions for leaders and another "Open Your Home to God" is for individual families to use. Attractive posters are also available.

Traveling Libraries

Book Kits to be circulated among our churches will be on display at the State Conference at Garden City. This project was voted by the Women's Board in September and they also voted to buy the cases and the Association, Christian Education Secretaries of the Women's Board, will have charge of the libraries. Churches may use these traveling libraries for a month by paying transportation on them. Each kit has fine books for all ages and on a number of subjejcts. Plan to sign for a loan of the books for your church when you are at State Conference at Garden City.

Family Life Commission

Another project of interest to the Woman's Board was the forming of a Family Life Commission in Kansas.

This has been done with the cooperation of the Conference Christian Education Committee. Three couples, one from each association, were chosen for this first commission. Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Paul Miller of Wichita; Mr. Jack Happy of Lawrence; Mr. and and Mrs. Philip Felton of Great Bend; and Mrs. E. C. Georgeson, of Lenora, representing the Christian Education Committee and the Woman's Board, met with Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph in Topeka, March 20, to form plans for action. The group was so enthusiastic, and there are so many things to be done, that it was hard to limit the activities to those possible to accomplish this spring and summer. However, they decided to cooperate with Rev. Walter Dobler and our National Family Life Committee in suggesting churches in Kansas that could help in an experiment in the home-half of Pilgrim Series. This is a very important project, for from the results of the experimentation will come many of the ideas in the new Family Books and the home emphasis of our new curreculum. The commission will also promote attendance at Family Camp at Estes Park in July. At intervals there will be articles in Congregational Kansas devoted to the Family Life Commission and the projects they have chosen.

Family Book

Women's groups should not neglect the Family Book. Did you ever wish you had a guide for getting out in the spring time and exploring the world of nature with your children? Perhaps something to help you plan family projects, trips to explore the woods, to watch birds and animals, the sky at night and in the daytime. Then add some stories and pictures, scripture and songs and ideas for family worship, poems and suggestions for a nature log to be kept by the family. All this, including advice to parents on how to best use the book is in the Spring 1955 book, "Our Father's World". It is a fascinating book and you will not put it down until you have looked it through and then you will be impatient to start a project with your family. If your church is not using the Family Book, what better project could the women promote than the purchase of copies for your church families. Then encourage the use of them.

- Mrs. C. E. Georgeson,
Christian Education Secretary

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Worship Workshop

Mrs. Herbert Duncan, wife of our interim minister at Prairie Village recently enlisted the aid of five other Kansas City Congregational minister's wives in arranging a workshop on "Building Devotional Services."

From Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. C. Earl Page of Westminster brought leadership on Scripture and Litany; Mrs. Henry Liebeck of First was assisted by Mrs. Goodale and Mrs. Bonny in an interpretation of the hymn, "Spirit of God" thru rhythmic dance; Mrs. Gerald Maggart of Country Club gave helps on story telling.

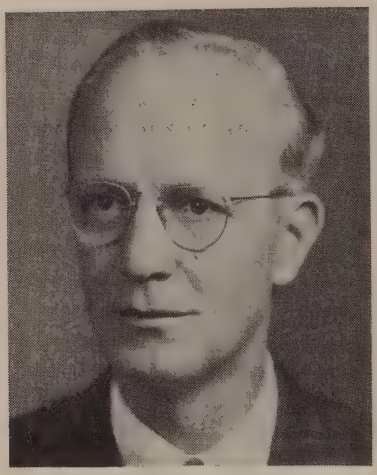
From Kansas churches, Mrs. Oscar Bonny presented ways to use music in worship; Mrs. Goodale talked on Art and displayed several worship center arrangements; Mrs. Duncan gave leadership on Prayer.

The program was given at a meeting of Congregational women in greater Kansas City and was repeated on several other programs.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President

Peggy Epps, Secretary



Rev. Loy Long

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

Yes, it's almost that time — Senior Camp, June 5-11 and Jr. Hi Camp, June 12-18. The leadership lined up by Uncle Ray Jones and Uncle George Fisk is simply terrific.

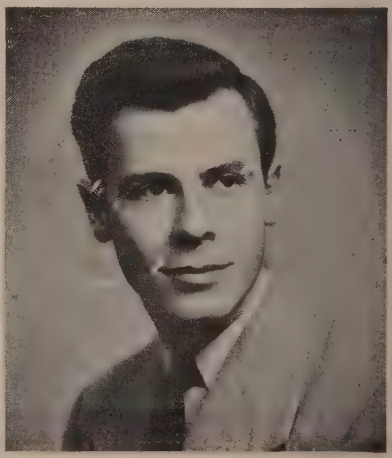
Past President Returns

Bob Dewey, President of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship in 1940-41 is coming back to renew old friendships, make new friends and share his many talents. Bob was President 15 years ago when his home was in Emporia and since that time has had rare and varied experiences. He spent time with Uncle Sam during World War II, spent a year working in war-torn England following the war and earned his B.D. at Yale Divinity School. Following graduation he served as Minister of Youth for the Ohio Conference before taking a church of his own in Birmingham, Michigan. He was ordained in our Emporia Church in 1951.

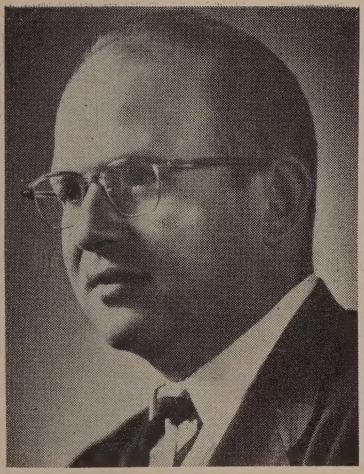
Loy Long of India

With India as our missionary study theme for the current year, we feel very fortunate to have the Rev. Loy Long of Nagpada Neighborhood House, Bombay, India as our guest leader for both camps.

This social center for men, women and children of all races is one of the most remarkable in the world. The average daily attendance last year was almost 1000 people. More than 33,000 women and children were treated at the Medical center. In addition to giving medical aid, classes are held, a craft shop is maintained, there is supervised recreation and much remedial work along juvenile delinquency lines is offered.



Rev. Robert D. Dewey



Rabbi Benjamin L. Marcus

Mr. and Mrs. Long are in the middle of all of it. In preparing to come to America for furlough, Mr. Long had to resign from 40 committees and offices. Mr. Long is responsible also for the evangelistic and church work of our Maratlin Mission. Immediately after camp they will return to India to take up their busy days of service in India.

Indian Girl Guest Too

From the same area near Bombay comes Lizzie Dawson, 15 year old Indian girl with shining dark eyes. She left Bombay in October and 31 days later docked aboard the Queen Elizabeth in New York. A few days later she reached Wichita where she is making her home with the Wm. Le Clere family. Mrs. Le Clere is Mrs. Rymph's niece. Lizzie's mother died when she was 8 years of age; since that time she has lived with grandparents. The death of her sister 12 years of age, the middle of March again brought her grief. But smiling through her tears she told us of her hope to get a college education and go back to help her people. She speaks English fluently and is now a Sophomore at North High School in Wichita. It is with a sparkling sense of humor that she struggles to adjust to our American ways. She has never attended a camp, but is enthusiastic about spending two weeks at Wa-Shun-Ga.

A Rabbi Guest

Through the courtesy of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, Rabbi Benjamin L. Marcus will attend Senior Camp. Rabbi Marcus lives in Topeka where he is a spiritual leader at Temple Beth Sholom and Chaplain at Forbes Air Force Base and Winter Veterans' Hospital.

Meet The Southern President

Marilyn Bell, President of Southern Association, presided recently at the Rally at Kiowa. We have word that she did a grand job at a Sunday morning service at Partridge recently.

Marilyn Bell — Southern President

Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

"How The Church Grows"

It grows by adding new members, by extending its influence and message and fellowship out into the community around it. Churches need to grow in this way. A Church is an organism, and organisms do not stand still. If they are sterile, they die, either suddenly or gradually. And if they are vital, they grow. This is why it is important for the Church to receive new members.

And the Church also grows intensively, within itself, by the growing experience and convictions of its people. We need to devote ourselves to searching out again the deep things of our faith, the values by which men live at their best, the confidences on which we may build our lives. If the Church is to minister to its people adequately, if it is to do its work in our world, it must have this intensive growth.

Each one of us can help our Church grow in both these ways. We can bring its invitation and welcome to our unchurched friends and neighbors. And we can set ourselves earnestly to grow in our Christian faith and commitment.

Let's grow both extensively and intensively.

Ned Burr McKenney
from "The Tidings"

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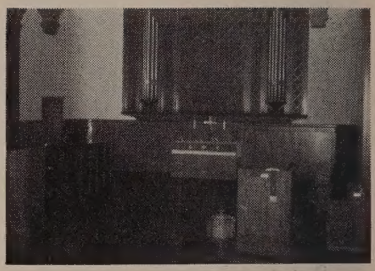
Records for Laymen

Six records of special addresses given at the Chicago Convention are available on request from the Conference Office.



Eureka Chancel

Dedication At Eureka

More than 300 people attended the dedication of the newly remodeled and furnished sanctuary at Eureka on March 14 according to Dr. R. Banks Blocher, Minister.

The dedicatory sermon was brought by the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel. The Rev. John H. Jones, former pastor at Eureka and the Rev. Louis Poppe of Whitewater also took part in the service.

Olive Hill Busy

Special features at Olive Hill recently include a Harvest Home Festival, a family night supper at which the movie, "The Man Who Forgot God" was shown. Stuffed dolls, toys and games were sent to Indian children in South Dakota and boxes of clothing went to southern mission stations. Improvements were made on the parsonage, a lovely Memorial communion table has been given by the family of Carl Cederberg, with cross and candle sticks added by the Ladies Aid, and a large picture of Sallman's Head of Christ presented by Irene Reiber and Edla Blackstone. A piano and new song books have added greatly to the children's department. News of such fine progress from this rural church is most welcome.

The Hans Poppe Family

Family Camp
July 24-30

Leadership for the Estes Park Family Camp has been secured and plans are made for a great week for 28 families in the Friendship Area of Association Camp.

Pictured above are Hans, Ruth, Tanis and Mark Poppe who will direct the camp. They will be assisted by the Orville Hepler family.

Other leadership families include the Verne Spindell's of Lincoln, Nebraska and the Emmon's Family of Clinton, Iowa. A missionary family is not yet assigned.

There will probably be room for ten Kansas families. Yes, the opportunity is limited. Send your reservations to the Conference Office early. First come, first served!

Record Breaking Attendance Vacation Clinics

More than 2,651 leaders received training at the 36 Vacation School Clinics sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches during March. Our Congregational Churches were represented by 120 people at meetings held at the following places: Garden City 10, Hutchinson 4, McPherson 5, Newton 1, Harper 3, Independence 2, Emporia 10, Ottawa 2, Johnson Co. 4, Kansas City, Kansas 8, Oberlin 4, Phillipsburg 13, Great Bend 1, Bazine 4, Hays 10, Ellsworth 3, Osborne 11, Clay Center 5, Topeka 14, Manhattan 3, Hiawatha 10, Holton 2. This is the best cooperation our fellowship has given this worth while project and we feel sure all who attended will profit greatly.

"The Builders"

The newest adult organization at Seaman Community Church — about 35 young adults, business, college and younger married couples, of whom about 60% were not actively connected with the church. Bill Rinner, former high school teacher and president of a construction firm, is the teacher. Their interest in their own class has spurred some renewed interest in other departments of the church school.

Preview at K. C. Welborn

Our five Kansas City churches were represented by 45 leaders at a Workshop on March 20 when the new quarters Pilgrim Series material was studied. Mr. and Mrs. Perc Rayl of Welborn arranged the program.

La Foret Leadership Workshop August 3-7, 1955

Guest Leaders include Miss Mildred Widber and Dr. Allen Wehrli.

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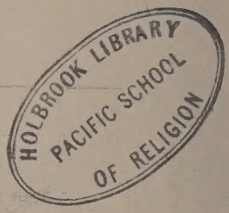

Prairie Village Improvements

Under the leadership of the Rev. Herbert Duncan, interim minister, the chapel at Colonial Church has been enlarged making a seating capacity of 160. A partition was removed, a new chancel built, carpeting on aisles added and all was redecorated. Many volunteers from the Minute Men and Boy Scouts helped with the work under the chairmanship of Robert Shackelford. The project was completed in time for Easter Services.

Dale Turner Hospitalized

The Rev. Dale Turner spent ten days in Watkins Memorial Hospital following minor surgery. We hope the rest from his strenuous schedule did him good. In his absence the pulpit at Lawrence Plymouth was filled by the Rev. Wm. B. Bryant.

Two Services

Beginning on Palm Sunday, our Wichita Pilgrim Church holds two church worship services and two church school sessions; one at 9:30 and one at 11.00 A.M.

Appreciation Banquet

The annual $5.00 Appreciation Banquet was held at Kansas City Welborn on April 13 under the leadership of George Jones and George O'Daniel. Dr. Jerzy Hauptmann, professor of Political Science at Park College was the speaker. During World War II, Dr. Hauptmann, now 35 years of age, was a member of the Polish underground and was a German prisoner for a long period.

Religious Arts Festival

At Wichita Fairmount the sixth annual Religious Arts Festival, for recognition of contemporary religious thoughts, poetry and music, was held on Palm Sunday afternoon. As a part of the program the chancel choir sang an Easter Contata, "On Calvary's Cross" by Gillette.

Smith Center

A new pulpit was recently dedicated by friends to the memory of Mrs. Amy Fireoved and a new lecturn was presented by Mrs. Leonard Goble in memory of her husband. One Great Hour of Sharing projects were dramatized by members of the P.F. on March 20 when the special offering was received.

Kansas City Ruby

A recent $1000.00 bequest from the Fred Quell estate is to be used to finish the church tower and steeple.